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1. POST'S ARAB JOURNALISTS PROGRAM PARTICIPANT AL SHIRAWI HAS ALREADY PUBLISHED THREE SPECIFIC ARTICLES AND TWO GENERAL FEATURES RESULTING FROM PROGRAM. ALL ATTEMPTED EXPLAIN US POSITION AND WHQ US IS UNABLE TO IMMEDIATELY "FORCE" ISRAEL AND PRODUCE PEACE DESPITE GROWING AMERICAN SENTIMENT AND SUPPORT FOR ARAB VIEWS.

2. SHIRAWI NOT ONLY ATTENDED MIDEAST DINNER/DISCUSSION AT PAO RESIDENCE WITH AMSPEC REICH LAST WEEKEND, BUT HE ALSO BROUGHT TWO COLLEAGUES AS WELL. ALL JOINED IN LONG DISCUSSION DESCRIBED REF C.

3. IN ADDITION, SHIRAWI SO TAKEN BY BRIEF VIEW OF US THAT HE WILL MAKE PRIVATE VISIT THIS SUMMER WITH HIS FAMILY.

4. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION CONCERNING VISIT, PARTICIPANT REPEATEDLY ASSURED PAO THAT ALL PORTIONS OF VISIT WERE EQUALLY VALUABLE AND HE HAD NO BAD MEMORIES EXCEPT FOR SEVERE WINTER STORMS. HE GENUINELY BELIEVES US HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY  
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AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK A JUST SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.  
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